

You're Invited!

WHAT: Community Conversations

Do you have ideas about services and programs for **children and youth** or for **people living with mental illness and substance use disorders**?

We want to hear from you!

King County and the City of Seattle invite you to join us at one of these gatherings designed so **you** have a meaningful role in informing the County's decisions around its investments for **Best Starts for Kids** and investments for the **Mental Illness and Drug Dependency** renewal.



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WHEN AND WHERE:

South Seattle

Tuesday, December 15, 6:30-9:00 PM

Southeast Seattle Senior Center

4655 S Holly Street

<http://www.sessc.org/>

At the corner of Rainier Ave S, served by Metro bus #7.

North Seattle

Wednesday, December 16, 6:30-9:00 PM

Northgate Community Center

10510 5th Avenue NE

<http://www.seattle.gov/parks/centers/northgate.htm>

Directly east of Northgate Mall, near Northgate Transit Center.

WHO: Parents, providers, families, youth, school teachers, staff, elected leaders – everyone who cares about children and youth or mental health and substance use disorders services or both – **we want to hear from you!**

King County's **Mental Illness and Drug Dependency (MIDD)** is a one-tenth of one percent sales tax supporting programs and services for people living with mental illness and substance use disorders. It expires at the end of 2016 unless renewed by the County Council. Your feedback is needed to help the County plan for updated MIDD-supported services and programs should it be renewed in 2016.

Best Starts for Kids, approved this fall by the voters of King County, is an initiative to improve the health and well-being of King County by investing in prevention and early intervention for children, youth, families, and communities. The levy will generate about \$65 million per year and cost the average King County property owner an estimated \$56 per year. Best Starts is the most comprehensive approach to early childhood development in the nation, starting with prenatal support, sustaining the gain through teenage years, and investing in healthy, safe communities that reinforce progress.

The County believes effective engagement enables all communities to participate in a way that fosters trust, creates more effective services, programs and policies, and supports community-led solutions. In response to community feedback, we are coordinating our engagement efforts – information gathered at these Community Conversations will inform several County initiatives, including the MIDD and Best Starts for Kids.

<https://kingcountymiddcommunitymeeting.eventbrite.com>